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## THE EARTHQUAKE

Again forces itself into our columns. It is now the 41st day since this phenomenon began - and for the first three weeks every day witnessed its effects in one or more shocks. Since that time we have experienced intervals of one, or more days together, in which no concussions were perceived; or, if perceived not generally known. The awful phenomenon has again begun to alarm the fears of our citizens for on Thursday night, the 16th inst. there were three shocks (one so smart as to throw off a brick from a chimney) between the hours of 11 & 1 o'clock: on Saturday another shock was felt, and on Sunday, one or more others. No other concussions were noticed till 9 o'clock on Thursday morning last, the weather a dead calm & hazy, with snow upon the ground, when a very smart shock occurred, equal in violence, say some, to that which happened between 2 and 3 o'clock of the 16th ult. It lasted about 3 minutes, and, in 5 minutes more was succeeded by another, but slight and short shock. These two were accompanied with a tremulous effect on surrounding objects, of nearly forty minutes duration, saving a few short intervals of rest. The preceding 3 or 4 days were intensely cold - but now weather was a moderate temperature, and the snow began to thaw a little, the same day, about 9 P. M. there was another concussion, but too slight to be generally perceived; and on yesterday morning, at the same hour, another shock took place. Others were expected in the course of the day - the atmosphere is charged with hazy-like vapors; the temperature mild and the thaw general and rapid.